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Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management the report prepared by the expert group on land administration and management, which will be made available in the language of submission only from the website of the Committee of Experts (http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/8th-Session/). The Committee of Experts is invited to take note of the report and express its views on the work of the expert group, including efforts to develop a framework for sustainable land administration that may be referenced by Member States.

Summary of the report

At its seventh session, held in New York from 2 to 4 August 2017, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 7/108, in which it noted the need for continued advocacy and political awareness of the benefits of effective and efficient land administration and management, urged the expert group on land administration and management to continue to address the overarching policy guidance for sustainable and interoperable land administration and management systems and noted that that principles-based guidance should be flexible and recognize the diverse social and economic contexts at the national and subnational levels.

In its report, the expert group provides information on its activities and progress, including its consideration of an overarching framework for sustainable land administration, taking into account the guidance provided by the Committee of Experts at its seventh session. In this regard, the expert group is considering a framework in which are described key elements or principles for sustainable and interoperable land administration and management systems that can efficiently and effectively document, record and recognize people-to-land relationships in all their

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forms. The framework includes references to existing concepts, approaches and mechanisms, such as the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security (from the Committee on World Food Security), the continuum of land rights (Global Land Tool Network) and the Land Governance Assessment Framework (World Bank Group). Within the overarching framework, developments in the standardization of land administration domain models will be considered as a means to enable further progress.